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CHINESE CATHOLICS.

BISHOPS ENTERTAINED.

THE MISSIONS ETTRANGÈRES.

The twenty-nine Bishops of the
Missions Etrangères attending the Pa-
palian conference were also guests of
the local Chinese Catholic community
on Saturday afternoon when a pleas-
ant "at home" was given in their
honour at "Spring Villa," 13, Mac-
donnell Road, the residence of Mr.
Simon Tse Yan, Chairman of the Chi-
nese Catholic Union. This week the
Bishops return to their various fields
of work. After a very pleasant time
spent on the lawn, where music was
provided by a string band, the large
gathering assembled in the drawing
room.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop D. Pozzoni
said: "The community of my Chinese
Catholics had expressed to me the
desire of being given an opportunity
to present to the Missionary Bishops
now gathered in Hongkong the home-
age of their veneration and gratitude
for the Apostleship of the Missions
Etrangères in China. Although I was
deeply moved by their noble senti-
ments, yet I hesitated lest I should
inconvenience your Lordships, whom
I knew to be fully engaged in your
Conference. Mr. Simon Tse Yan has
dared to attempt what I feared to do
myself, and I have deep pleasure in
seeing that he has succeeded in per-
suading your Lordships to come here
to his hospitable home, to meet the
Chinese Catholics of Hongkong. In
presenting to your Lordships Mr. and
Mrs. Tse Yan, their worthy father,
and their sons and daughters, I have
the happiness to say that they as well
as all the Chinese here present form
a real true Catholic community, a
splendid proof that the labours and
sacrifices of the Catholic Missionaries
are not made in vain."

The Host (Mr. Simon Tse Yan),
who is Chairman of the Chinese
Catholic Union, read the following
address:—Your Grace, your Lord-
ships, Rev. Fathers, ladies and gentle-
men.—The Chinese Catholic Com-
munity of Hongkong, highly honoured
by the presence of so many and dis-
tinguished Princes of the Catholic
Church, wishes to express to your
Lordships its humble thanks for your
illustrious visit. This visit is an his-
toric event, the equal of which is un-
known in our annals. The Chinese
Catholic Community of Hongkong,
which, although continuously increas-
ing, has always been and is still a very
small one, feels that it represents to-
day the Catholic community of the
whole of China in rendering honour
to your Lordships. You are the
pioneers and the leaders of our holy
Faith, you are Missionary Bishops,
who have given up friends and home
and country for no other purpose than
to spread the Gospel of Our Lord,
and we have the fortune to be, and
to represent those who have been, the
object of your missionary cares. You
have gathered here in Hongkong for
no other purpose than to confer about
the best means of giving new and
stronger impulse to your missionary
labours, and as most of you are
Bishops of China, we may surely say
that your assembling is, chiefly, for
the greater benefit of our immense
country of China. We therefore, say
to you, in the words of old, "Blessed
are ye that come in the name of the
Lord."

As I have said, we, the Chinese
Catholic Community, are but a small
minority in this Colony of Hongkong,
which, under the security afforded by
the British flag, has grown so large
and prosperous. We feel confident
however, that the visit of your Lord-
ships will mark the beginning of a
vigorous increase in our numbers.
Proud as we are of the Faith, which,
thanks to our missionaries, we may
call our common faith, we hope and
pray that the attention of our non-
Christian brethren, having been called
to-day to the visit of your Lordships
to us, may be also turned to study
earnestly the object of the missionary
life of your Lordships and, con-
sequently, result in the end in num-
erous conversions to the true God.

On behalf of those present Mr.
Simon Tse Yan wished the Bishops
good health and a full measure of suc-
cess in their Missionary Conference
and labours, and a safe and happy
return to their Dioceses.

His Grace Archbishop Morel, of
Pondicherry, said he thanked Bishop
Pozzoni for his kind words and the
hosts for their entertainment. The
Bishops were very glad to meet so
many Chinese Catholics and to receive
so hearty a welcome at their hands.
He imagined that many of those pre-
sent must have come, originally, from
Canton, Macao, and neighbouring
places, where French missionaries
preached to their forefathers. In that
way the Bishops present could claim
them as their spiritual children.

Though you are under the pastoral
care of Bishop Pozzoni, said the
Archbishop, "your forefathers were
under ours. It is a tie which must
last long between you and us. You

EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

COMMUNIST OUTBREAKS.

BERLIN, March 23th.
There is an indication that the authori-
ties are expecting the upper hand in con-
nection with the Communist disturbances in
Prussian Saxony. The police rejected the
overtures made by the Communist leader
at Elbe with a view of securing the
cessation of hostilities and eventually
fully controlled Elbe after sharp fight-
ing in which machine-guns were used, and
also occupied Hettstedt after a violent
conflict, but the Communists are esti-
mated at 6,000 strong and have plenty
of arms and ammunition and possess
large nitrogen works at Leuna, near
Halle.

SENSATIONAL TRIAL.

TOKYO, March 24th.
John Doughty has been found guilty
of the stealing of \$21,000 worth of bonds
from his former employer, Mr. Ambrose
Small, the millionaire. He is now
charged with the kidnapping of Mr.
Small.

TOKYO, March 25th.
The Judge advised the jury to disregard
Daville's evidence that Doughty wanted
Mr. Small killed, declaring that he would
not hang a mouse on Daville's statement.

MR. E. C. C. WILTON.

LONDON, March 25th.
Mr. Ernest Colville Collier Wilton,
C.M.G., has been appointed British
Minister to Estonia-Latvia.

AMERICA AND RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, March 26.
With reference to the American
Note to the Soviet Ruler understands
that the State Department takes the
position that the present is no occasion
to reply specifically to the Bolshevik
proposal that a Soviet trade delegation
be received by the American Govern-
ment, whose Note in no way implies
the recognition of the Soviet Govern-
ment.

SHANGHAI FIRM.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED.

NO INFORMATION IN SHANGHAI.

New York, March 17.—Receivers
have been appointed to take over the
business of Messrs. Gaston, Williams
& Wigmore, exporters and importers,
whose liabilities are estimated at six
million dollars gold. Their assets con-
sist of stock in subsidiary companies
throughout the world. It is under-
stood that the company's financial
embarrassment is due to the depreciation
of its stock holdings, and also to
its heavy losses owing to the Soviet
Government's repudiation of its claims
for supplies to the Imperial and
Kerensky governments.—Reuter.

Prior to receiving the full text of
the above telegram a representative
of the North-China Daily News called
at the office of Messrs. Gaston,
Williams & Wigmore (Far Eastern
Division, Inc.), which has to be
differentiated from the New York firm
above mentioned. It was stated there
that no information had been received
regarding any financial difficulties
affecting the firm, although in the
meantime telegrams were being receiv-
ed dealing with machinery and other
articles of trade. It was pointed out
that the firm had recently been taken
over by the Guaranty Trust Co. of
New York and that reconstruction
was at present in progress.

say your community here is very
small. I hope it will grow larger
every day, but for this to happen you
Chinese Christians must proselytise.
Our Christians have not that spirit as
strongly as they ought to have. It is
very much by your behaviour, and by
showing a good example that you will
influence others. As our Saviour said,
love for our neighbours is the sign of
true discipleship. Stand fast by that,
and it will be well with you. We wish
you all increase; but—(the Archbishop
added, with a smile)—few and good—(laughter). Be
good Christians, and by example you
will make good followers."

The Bishop of Rangoon said the
Christians of Rangoon would be happy
when he told them of the Chinese
Catholic community of Hongkong. In
Rangoon they had just started a Chi-
nese Mission; it was uphill work but
they hoped before many years to have
a great number of "holy
in Rangoon. He asked for their
prayers that "our holy religion"
might continue its good work.

THEFT ON STEAMER.

A SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE.

IMPUDENT ROBBERY ESCAPE.

An impudent robbery, followed by
an equally impudent escape, was
effected by four Chinese who boarded
the steamer "Phranang" (Captain
Heaney) as it was coming to buoy
at West Point yesterday after the
doctor's inspection on arrival from
Saigon. Among the large number of
coolies on board were a number of
women who had entrusted their
precious savings to one of their sex
who kept the money in a girdle
round her waist. Making their way
to the small gathering of women in
the midst of the crowd on deck, the
four men pressed for near with
which they began to play. The first
small stake having scored a win, the
woman with the money loosened
the girdle with the intention of
extracting several coins for further
play, when one of the men, watching
his opportunity, seized the belt, and
with his three confederates pushed
through the astonished crowd to the
ship's side where all four jumped
aboard their sampan. As the steamer
was under way at the time and there
were no launches in the vicinity the
robbers were able to make the shore
unmolested in full sight of their
victims, who could do nothing more
than bemoan their loss.

THEATRE ROYAL.

BANDMAN (PERA 'O.

OPENING THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Bandman Opera Company
will commence a three weeks' se-
ason at the Theatre Royal on
Thursday evening in "Bran Pie,"
the great London Prince of Wales' Theatre
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Press says—

The Bandman Opera Company
once again pay a welcome return
visit to Singapore and it was a large
and appreciative audience which as-
sembled in the Victoria Theatre last
evening to witness the Company's
opening performance, "Bran Pie,"
the sparkling revue by Herbert Bryan
with music by Philip Braham. Pro-
duced in two parts, the programme
is composed mostly of dips from the
finest repertoire and as the dips were
of different shapes and sizes everyone
seemed satisfied. No pains had been
spared in the mounting of the piece or
in the costumes or mechanical effects.
In fact rarely has Mr. Bandman
staged or costumed his company with
such taste and lavishness. Miss
Madeline Rossiter is a well-known
local favourite, for players here
will remember her as the life and
spirit of the "Pierrot Pie" Company.
"Bran Pie" was well dipped into.
Following the "Opening Dip" was
"A Ragtime Dip" in which Jack
Crichton, and Misson Brett scored a
big success in "A Lesson in Ragtime."
Then followed a "Chinese Dip."
Chong, in which Madeline Rossiter
sang the tuneful little melody with
charming effect amidst some very
pretty scenery. One of the items
which brought out roars of
laughter was "A Disorderly Dip"
a skit on a regimental orderly room
in which Eric Masters was the
Officer, Dan Mansfield was an "Old
Bill" type of Sergeant Major, and
Jack Crichton was the prisoner. "A
Doggy Dip" caused much merriment,
while Madeline Rossiter's singing of
the Vamp Song was very effective.
One of the features of the Company
is the chorus, and all the ten pieces
to be presented during the Company's
stay in Singapore are new, full of
humour and of the best.

Death has been busy of late
among the old residents of Kobe, and
we regret to have to record the pass-
ing away of Mr. George Y. Taylor,
from pneumonia following influenza,
says the Japan Chronicle. Although in
his seventy-fourth year, Mr. Taylor
had been in good health, and was out
as usual on the previous Sunday.
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THE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
etc., etc.,
therein contained,
including—
Curtain Poles and Fittings,
And
One Enamel Bath.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 22, 1921.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (For Account of the Concerned), on

TUESDAY,
March 29, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.,
the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Wharf and afterwards at Hols Wharf.

100 Bales Fine Bengal Cotton,
184 Bales Cotton Yarn,
And
50 Bales Gunnies.
The above have just arrived and are in thoroughly sound condition.
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HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 22, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

TUESDAY,
April 5, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, BRASS AND TEAKWOOD TWIN BEDSTEADS, CARPETS, etc., etc., etc., comprising—
Dining Suites, Mirror back Sideboard, Dining Table, Chairs, etc., (Lane, Crawford make), Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs, etc., Card and Occasional Tables. One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom Furniture comprising Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, and Chairs, Washstands, etc., (famed Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner "veranda, Extension Dining Tables and Chairs, etc., Dinner Services, Crockery, and Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, etc., Bath Room Ornaments, Electro-Plated Ware, Electric Reading Lamps, Screens, Sandry Blackwood Furniture, Side Tables, Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, etc. Also
One Auto Piano with about 50 rolls in good condition.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
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Hongkong, March 22, 1921.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

TUESDAY,
April 5, 1921, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
AN ASSORTMENT OF
Household Linens, etc., comprising—
Fellow Cases, Fine quality Blankets, White Satin Quilts, Bed Valances, Damask Table Cloths, Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath Sheets, Double Bed Sheets, Drawwork Bedspreads, Table Covers, Crochet and Drawwork Dollies, Linen Damask Serviettes,
Also
A few lots of Bellow Valises and Suit Cases.
And
Three Pairs Biscoulers, etc.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 22, 1921.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. SACHER, to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,
April 2, 1921, commencing at 10 a.m., at Craigieburn, the Peak,

A Quantity of
Valuable Household Furniture,
etc., etc., etc.,
including—
A large quantity of Superior Blackwood Furniture and Carvings.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
On view day of sale.
Terms—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, March 24, 1921.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,
One full size BILLIARD TABLE by Burroughs & Sons, with all accessories, (good as new).
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THE SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 15th to the 29th March, 1921, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 7, 1921.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
BANKRUPTCY No. 29 of 1920.

A FIRST and FINAL DIVIDEND is intended to be declared in the matter of THE WING LOONG Firm adjudicated bankrupt on the 8th day of January, 1921.

Creditors who have not proved their debts by the 31st day of May, 1921, will be excluded.

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A Quantity of Chocolates,
in Fancy Boxes,
(in good condition).

Also
A Selection of Xmas Crackers, (Tom Smith & Bangers).
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LAMBERT BROS.,
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A Quantity of Office Furniture,
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And
One Large Herring Hall Marvin Combination Safe,
in excellent condition.
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LAMBERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, March 24, 1921.

on

THURSDAY, March 31, 1921,
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Valuable Household Furniture,
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1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1920.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 15, 1921.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 30th, 1921, at 4 p.m. precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, for the following purposes—

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1920.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any general business.

By Order,
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Secretary.
Hongkong, March 15, 1921.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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IRISH REPRISALS.
LONDON, March 28th.
As a reprisal for the ambush at Carrar, Kennedy the forces of the Crown entered Westport at 2 o'clock in the morning, and spent four hours wrecking the town, continuously volleys, and bombing houses and shops and burning furniture. Many inhabitants since the ambush were sleeping out. Others took refuge in the workhouse.

A number of railway stations and signal cabins on the Antrim railways were set fire to by incendiaries last night.

London, March 27th.
The week-end was marked by a series of incendiary fires in the northern outskirts of London and in Northumberland, which are attributed to Sinn Feinism. The burning out of four ricks on different properties in the St. Albans district on Good Friday night was succeeded by a similar destruction of six ricks on adjoining lands at New Barnet last night, while simultaneously outbreaks started in farms in six districts surrounding Newcastle, including Wallsend, Jarrow and South Shields.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD.
BERKELEY (CALIFORNIA), March 27th.
Competing for the University, at the Southern California Athletic Meeting, Charles Padlock covered 200 yards, in 30 4/5 seconds, which, it is claimed, is a new world's record.

MOSCOW INTERNATIONALE.

CHRISTIANIA, March 27th.
A meeting of the National Congress of the Norwegian Labour Party has decided, by 241 votes, to adhere to the Moscow Internationale, unconditionally. The minority decided to form a new independent Socialist party.

INDIAN JAIL OUTBREAK.

LONDON, March 28th.
The Secretary of State for India announces that 600 prisoners broke out of the Rajshahi jail in Bengal on March 23rd, taking arms and ammunition belonging to the guards. It is believed that the plot was organized by political convicts.

ZEPPELIN SECRET.

PHILADELPHIA, March 28th.
Officials of the Navy Yard announce that scientists in the Pittsburgh steel mill have discovered the formula for the aluminum alloy used by the Germans in the framework of Zeppelins. It is hoped with the new discovery to complete a dirigible building in Philadelphia and attempt an Atlantic flight in it in Summer.

FRENCH TRADE.

PARIS, March 28th.
The official statistics of French trade during the first months of 1921 show an increasingly favourable situation. For the first time in several years the exports exceed the imports by over 27,000,000, at par.—Havas.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, March 28th.
The death is announced of Marcus Stone, R.A., the famous painter, at the age of 81.

BRITISH MISSION TO KABUL.

DELHI, March 28th.
It is officially announced that Sir Henry Dobbs, head of the British Mission to Kabul, profiting by the lull in the Afghan fighting is making a few days' flying visit to Delhi to report progress to Lord Chelmsford, prior to the latter's departure for England. Other members of the mission remain in Kabul.

COAL INDUSTRY OUTLOOK.

LONDON, March 28th.
As both coal-owners and miners are optimistic there is little prospect of averting a national stoppage on March 31st, when the industry returns to private management.

The miners declare that the stoppage will be a lock-out for the owners who have recently terminated contracts with men, who are now bound to resume on April 1st on reduced wages fixed by district agreements or to cease work.

The public are not excessively disquieted at the prospect of stoppage, for stocks of coal are large, and foreign coal can be imported, possibly cheaply, while the trade slump has restricted the industrial requirements of coal. Moreover, the miners have been financially crippled by the last strike, and as there is not the slightest prospect of employers yielding the most probable result is a split in the Miners' Federation, unless the leaders, in the next few days, evolve a policy which may keep the districts together.

Both sides, yesterday, separately reported to the Government the failure of the negotiations. Pending the Government's reply, the owners have gone to the districts to invite the men to listen to an explanation of the owners' offer.

INDIAN FISCAL POLICY.

LONDON, March 28th.
The Lancashire cotton industry, recently, protested loudly against the new Indian duty on cotton and other goods. A representative deputation of employers and employees waited on Mr. Montagu with a view to the removal of the duty, but the Minister declared that the Government could not dictate India's fiscal policy, and showed that the offending duty was not aimed at Lancashire but designed to raise necessary revenue.

BRANDY AND OYSTERS.

BELGIAN WARNING.
MINERAL WATER DRINKERS.

BRUSSELS.
Local doctors attribute the increasing number of cases of appendicitis here to indulgence in mineral water. It is pointed out that years ago, when more wine and stronger beer were drunk, the alcohol killed any microbes that might have been eaten.

Germs from oysters, the newspapers say, affect only the teetotalers, those who drink wine and liquors being immune. In Belgium large quantities of shellfish are eaten, and tradition says that they should always be washed down by a glass of brandy—in case of accidents.

Many years ago at a dinner at Winchester a number of people were poisoned by oysters subsequently found to have been contaminated by sewage. Those people who took alcohol were scarcely affected, but some of those who did not died and others became seriously ill.

NEED FOR WIRELESS.

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The cost of installing a coater with a half kilowatt set is now quite reasonable and the maintenance would be the cost of someone to work it, in any case the cost is nothing compared to the benefit derived from it. The apathy displayed by men who go to sea without wireless on their ships is alarming, whilst a few are in favour, some are dead against it because they say they would be too near the head office. Only last week I was told by a gentleman on a coast boat that he didn't want wireless because he was too near the head office as it was. What loyalty to the ship he was working on!

I have said enough to show that the life-saving apparatus, helms, etc., rockets and lights are rubbish compared to the wonderful means of summation outside help which is essential and which can be got by wireless. The set is designed and very compact, and anyone with a knowledge of Morse could tap off a message, so that owners who do not want to use their sets commercially could use them only in time of trouble so that operators for that only would be easy to get.

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

March 22nd, 1921.

Butcher Meat.		Poultry.	
Beef Sirloin—Mid Lane Pa.	lb. 50	Chicken—Kai Tai	lb. 34
" Prime Cut	" 51	Capeon, Small—Sin Kai	" 32
" Corned—Ham Ngai Yau	" 22	Capeon, Large—Sin Kai	" 36
" Roast—Shia	" 20	Duck—Ap	" 40
" Breast—Ngai Nam	" 16	Loroc—Pan Kai	" 38
" Soup—Tong Yau	" 16	Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (cooking) per doz.	28
" Steak—Ngai Yau Pa	" 20	Eggs, Hen—Kai Tai (fresh) per doz.	28
" Steak Sirloin—Ngai Lan	" 30	Fowls, Canton—Kai	" 38
" Sausages—Ngai Cheung	" 25	Fowls, Hainan—Hot Nam Kai	" 30
Sallock's Brains—Ngai No per set	10	Geese—Nga	" 25
Tongue, fresh—Ngai Li	60	Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kap	each 40
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngai Li	each 60 cents	" Hoilow—Hot Han Pak Kap	each 50
Head—Ngai Tai	each 60	Turkeys, Cook—Fo Kai Kung	lb. 70
Heart—Ngai Sam	lb. 13	Turkeys, Hen—Fo Kai Na	" 55
Hump, Salt—Ngai Kin	18	Snipe—Shia Tai	each 22
" Feet—Ngai Kerk	each 10	Phoasant—Shia Kai	" 1.10
" Kidneys—Ngai Yiu	" 9	Quail—Om Chan	" 24
" Ngai Mid	" 8	Partridges—Che Kai	" 75
" Liver—Ngai Kon	lb. 15		
" Trip (undressed) Ngai To	lb. 5		
Alves' Head and Feet—Ngai Kai	each \$1.00		
Mutton Chop—Kong Pak Kwai	lb. 52		
" Leg—Yung Pak	" 52		
" Shoulder—Yung Shan	" 52		
" Saddle—Yung On Yau	" 52		
Pig's Chutlings—Chu Chong	" 32		
" Brains—Chu No	per set 2		
" Feet—Chu Kerk	each 10		
" Fry—Chu Chap	" 15		
Head—Chu Tai	" 15		
" Heart—Chu Sam	each 10		
" Kidneys—Chu Yiu	each 10		
" Liver—Chu Kon	lb. 32		
Pork Chop—Chu Pak Kwai	" 25		
" Leg—Chu Pak	" 20		
" Loin—Chu Hui Tai	" 24		
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	" 23		
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yung	" 70		
" Tail—Kerk	each 10		
" Heart—Yung Sam	each 10		
" Kidneys—Yung Yiu	each 12		
" Liver—Yung Kon	lb. 32		
Sucking Pigs, to order—Chu Tai	24		
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngai Yau	" 19		
Mutton—Shang Yung Yau	" 32		
Veal—Ngai Tai Yau	" 80		
Sausages—Ngai Tai Cheung	No. 1 lb. 28		
Fruit.		Vegetables, &c.	
Almonds—(Hanging) Yau	lb. 40	Artichokes—Ah Chi Chuk	each 8
Apples, (California)—Kam Shan	" 35	Beans, Sprout—Nga Tai	lb. 4
" Ping So	" 35	" Long—Tao Kok	" 4
Bananas, (Orde's), Macao—San	" 4	Beet Root—Hong Tai Tai	" 2 each
" Huang Chin	" 4	Bitter Squash—Fu Kwa	" 6
Carambola—Yung To	" 10	Brinjals, Green—Kung Yau Kwai	" 8
Cocoanuts—Ye Tai	each 10	" Red—Hung Kwai	" 6
Lemons, China—Lung Mung	lb. 8	Cabbage Chinese, (common)	" 5
Lemons, (America)—ham Stan	" 8	" Kai Tai	" 4
" Lisg Mung	each 8	" (Shanghai)—Ye Tai	" 10
Lichees, Dried, (small stone)	" 35	Cane Shoots, bunch—Kam Shan	" 8
" Lai Chi Kon	lb. 35	Cauliflower (Large)—Ye Tai	each 18
Oranges, (Canton), Sweet—	" 12	" (Medium)	" 15
" Shao-chung Tin Chang	lb. 18	" (Small)	" 12
Oranges, Tin Chang	" 18	Carrots—Kam Shan	lb. 8
Pears, (Canton), Cooking—Shia	10	Celery Chinese—Tong Kai Tai	" 10
Peanuts—Fa Shang	" 12	Chillies, Dried—Kon Lat Chin	" 40
Perisimmons, Large—Hung Tai	" 12	" Red—Hung Fa Chia	" 15
Plantain—Tai Chin	" 12	" Green—Ching Lat Chiu	" 12
Pumpkin, Steam—Taim Lo Yau	each 12	Curry Stuff, English—Kai Li Chin	lb. 10
Walnuts—Hop To	lb. 14	Cucumbers—Ching Kwa	each 2
Grapes—Po Tai Tai	" 30	Garlic—Sun Tai	lb. 8
		Ginger, young—Sun Tai	each 6
		Ginger, old—Lo Kung	" 8
		Horseradish, Shanghai—Lai Kai	" 15
		Indian Corn—Sank Mai	each 8
		Lettuce—Kung Shang Tai	lb. 8
		Water Chestnuts—M Tai	lb. 8
		" Mandarin—Kwai	" 8
		Lam Ma Tai	" 8
		Mushrooms, Fresh—Shang Tai Ku	lb. 18
		Onions	" 18
		Onions, Bombay—Yung Chung Tai	lb. 18
		Onions, Green—Shang Chung	lb. 18
		Onions, Shanghai—Shang-hai	" 18
		Onions, Chung Tai	" 18
		Pasley—Kun Tai	" 12
		Peas, Sweet—Kun Tai	" 12
		" Japanese—Yat Fan Tai	lb. 18
		American—Yat Fan Tai	lb. 18
		Pumpkin—Tung Kwa	" 4
		Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai	" 4
		Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tai Wong	" 8
		Shallots—Kong Chung Tai	" 8
		Spinach—Yat Tai	" 8
		Tomatoes—Fan Kai	" 8
		Taro—Wu Tai	" 8
		Turnips, Panki, (Long)—Lo Pak	" 8
		Vegetable Marrow—Tai Kwai	" 8
		Water Cress—Sai Yung Tai	" 8
		" Lily—Lai Kwai	" 8
		Yam, Tai Shu	" 8

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PERVITY OF CIRCUM- STANCES.

Have you noticed how, sometimes, the best of intentions, owing to the perversion of circumstance, may lead honestly into a false light, in which Desdemona herself looks naughty, and the most candid remark takes on a "double entendre"? This note is being written in advance of any complaints, and may therefore support the thesis by suggesting that it is a case of "qui s'excuse, s'accuse." On Thursday a China Mail employee received a letter, with a covering note saying it was intended to be published in all the four papers on Saturday. Remembering that Friday would be a holiday, and that it is customary to set up in type as much advance copy as may be ready, this employee (after getting it editorially passed) sent the letter to the printers, at the same time notifying the sender that it would appear, so far as the Mail was concerned, on Saturday as he intended. About 11.15 on Saturday morning, the writer of the letter telephoned to ask that the letter be held over until Tuesday, apparently owing to the holidays. Could this be done? Our man replied that it could and would be done. He went to the printers to arrange accordingly, only to find that the letter was already locked up in the form of a completed page, and could not be suppressed except by the Russian censor's method of blotting it out. It wasn't of sufficient importance to do that. He hurried back to telephone an explanation to the writer, but could not get him. A copy was then sent on the rush to the other evening paper, with an explanation in a way almost embarrassingly enthusiastic. Our men have been working night and day to maintain the supply, because some people, not satisfied with the one gratis copy to which they were entitled on purchasing Saturday's China Mail, bought quantities from the newsboys, in tens and dozens. This makes it necessary to repeat, what was mainly announced beforehand, that the distribution of this literary bonus to the public must be confined to the one day. As fast as we can bind them, these expensive magazines are being turned out for sale to people desirous of them, at one dollar per copy. Applications are being filed.

We may explain here, that the delay in publication was not our fault. Indeed, the repeated postponements cannot be attributed to fault at all. The contributors to this historical fascicle were, as a glance at the names will show, mostly busy men and public men, who had to write these weighty articles in their spare time. One or two, having promised to contribute, were unable to do so in time, and in waiting for these we had to defer the work. We may mention, perhaps, without indiscretion, that the respectable illness of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Ho, who had very kindly accepted our invitation to write on Constitutional Reform, was a case in point. But for the generosity of Mr. Cartwright, who interrupted his own work at the last moment in answer to our appeal, to supply the excellent history and argument figuring in the compilation, we should have had to omit this important subject, along with some others where we were less fortunate.

The Rev. Mr. Macdonald took the trouble to prepare for us a short history of his church, the oldest in the East, in the island, and to him and his congregation the China Mail has to offer profound apologies. The manuscript was duly received, and was mislaid and forgotten by an employee, who will suffer for his carelessness. We are very sorry indeed, not only because of the accidental affront to the good nature of our beloved Father, but also because of the entailed incompleteness of that section of our magazine.

To certain other omissions, due to the indifference of persons, who either refused or neglected to supply information asked for, we do not propose to make more than general reference. These people did not recognize the uniqueness of the opportunity, and if they are chagrined by the non-appearance of their institutions in this record, we are not (as we are in the case of the Kirk) in any way to blame.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"I got out of touch with my peremptory employer due to the burying of an old mother," says a college applicant for "the position of office boy."

A cotton blanket weaving mill has been erected in Soochow on Tiger Hill. The plant will have 5,000 wooden spindles and approximately 50 looms. It expects to start weaving immediately.

Among residents who left by the P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" on Saturday, were Mr. and Mrs. F. Mailand, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Leith, Mr. A. H. Hollingsworth, Mr. Jupp, Lieut. Commander Kilgour, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Arnott.

Two parties of members of the Japanese Diet are to visit China and America this summer probably leaving in June and July. The members to be included will be selected after a joint conference of the various political parties.—Reuter.

The American Hardware Record, dated January 10, 1921, says: "The immortality of wood is suggested by the old British convict ship 'Success' which recently put in at a dry docks in Tampa, Fla., for some minor repairs. Built in 1790 at Moulmein in British India, as Kipling said, 'By the old Moulmein pagoda, looking eastward to the sea,' the vessel is by many years the oldest ship afloat to-day. The fact that it has survived that hazardous vicissitudes of a seafaring career of 130 years is attributed to its massive construction of solid Burmese teak, a wood that for resistance to decay has no equal in the world."

The death took place on March 14, at his home, Pelham Manor, New York, of Mr. Gordon A. Roper. In 1918, when Mr. Roper was in charge of the American Trading Company in Shanghai, he made many friends, and was well known as a tennis player. In the series of inter-colonial matches between Hongkong and Shanghai, he ably assisted in the victories of the home team. Mr. Roper, who for eight years was in the service of the American Trading Company at Kobe, had been in bad health during the past year. He left Kobe for the United States last spring, and his untimely death is deeply regretted in Shanghai, where he was known as the "best liked American in the Far East."

OUR SOUVENIR SUPPLEMENT.

REMARKABLE RECEPTION.

REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS.

The art and business of publishing in Hongkong is full of surprises. Although long experience has taught us how more or less accurately to forecast public demand for China Mail wares, Saturday's reception of our 76th birthday number, with souvenir supplement, was much more enthusiastic than we expected it to be. It was

SPORT.

TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENTS.

Following is this week's programme of matches in connection with the above tournament:—
TO-DAY.
Club Championship—Capt. C. O. Oliver v. Nelson; Major R. Greenway v. Forster.

TUESDAY.
Mixed Doubles Handicap—Major C. Wilson and Mrs. Bowen v. Lieut. Col. F. J. Bowen and Miss Bowen.
Handicap Singles—"A"—A. R. Raworth v. Major H. M. Edwards.

WEDNESDAY.
Open Championship Doubles—A. D. Humphreys and J. B. Penman v. Major Wilson and L. Forster; Commandr. A. E. Johnstone and Surg. Lieut. H. Morrison v. R. and H. Hancock.
Handicap Doubles—Capt. C. S. Fisher and E. E. Lindsell v. T. H. King and C. Baker.

Mixed Doubles Handicap—Lieut. Col. W. N. Nicholson and Mrs. Gompertz v. Major J. R. Lloyd and Mrs. Lloyd.
Club Championship—Capt. P. H. Davies and G. M. Dodwell.

THURSDAY.
Handicap "A"—Capt. C. S. Fisher v. Major Lloyd.
Open Championship Singles—L. Forster v. K. Yamazaki.
FRIDAY.
Championship Doubles—Major H. Greenaway and Capt. Oliver v. R. Townsend and Major Edwards.
Handicap Singles—"B"—J. H. R. Freeborn v. Lieut. C. H. Larkcom.

CHINESE INTERPORT.

SOME STRAITS COMMENTS.

The following is from a Straits paper:—
A party of about 15 Chinese are leaving for Hongkong on or about April 11 to engage in a series of tennis matches against the Chinese of Hongkong. The party, which is being led by that well-known sportsman, Chung Ah Ming, of Ipoh, will include Dr. K. T. Khong of Ipoh, Wei Hye, the champion tennis player of Penang, and several other capable players from Ipoh, Penang and Singapore. The party will be the guests of Mr. Leong Eng Khean in Hongkong.

So far as tennis is concerned, they will meet with stiff opposition in Hongkong, and Wei Hye, who is about the best singles player among the Chinese in Malaya, will have to play very well to beat Ng Sze Kwong, who has retained his title in open competition among all communities in Hongkong for three years in succession. Ng Sze Kwong is, indeed, one of the best tennis players in the East, and has a win against Kamega, the famous Japanese player, to his credit.

Another well known Hongkong player is Wei Wing Lock, who with Ng Sze Kwong (brother of Ng Sze Kwong) played a good deal of tennis in the South of England last season and was beaten in the Open Doubles at Wimbledon by Roper Barrett and his partner in the third round. It is likely that Ng Sze Kwong has now returned to Hongkong from Cambridge; he has been expected back there these past six months. If he is back, Malaya will have to play above its form to win anything.

The Open Doubles Champions of Hongkong are a Chinese pair M. K. and M. W. Lo, who walked through everything in the last open tournament there, and, like Ng Sze Kwong and Wei Wing Lock, represented Hongkong in inter-colonial tennis matches against Shanghai. The Lo brothers played a lot of tennis in England when they were at Cambridge, but have improved a lot since then and are now well up to Wimbledon standard. This pair will, doubtless, be one of the Hongkong couples at Doubles, but if Mr. Sze Kwong has returned, he and Wei Wing Lock will probably play together and Ng Sze Kwong will be partnered by Wong Fo Keung. These three couples will be a very stiff proposition for our Malayan players who should however be all the better for the visit.

SHOOTING.

H.K.V.D.C.'S RECORD.

By winning the Rifle League, the team of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps becomes the season's Champions, and secures the custody of the Bellis Shield for one year. This Shield was presented in 1911 by Mr. R. E. Bellis to encourage rifle shooting. In the competition held that year, H.M.S. "Minotaur" earned the distinction of being the first winners of the Shield.

Since then competitions had been held every year, but the entries have always numbered very few teams, rarely exceeding half a dozen. This season, however, with a large field here, a record was reached with no fewer than 12 teams competing for the Championship. The shooting has, on the whole, been of a high standard, the outstanding features being the remarkable score recently put up by the H.K.V.D.C. viz 1,002, and the fine scores contributed by some of individual members of the team.

The winners are to be congratulated on their co-operation with the Corps officers, particularly Major Rapson, D.S.O., the popular Adjutant, himself a no mean shot. At the commencement of the season members of the Corps shot for places in the team, which resulted as follows:—Mr. Grimes, 138; Mr. Lyon, 131; Mr. F. Goodwin, 131; Mr. R. Goodwin, 125; Mr. Dodwell, 118; Mr. Frith, 117; Mr. Young, 114; Mr. Wells, 113. Messrs Shaw, Thornhill and Gow were counted out. Later on, alterations were made in the team which sustained its success. The winners' highest score was 1,002, made against H.M.S. "Curlew," their lowest being 937, against H.M.S. "Tamar" at Stonecutters, the horror of many local marksmen. It was on this occasion the Corp. Grimes, the Colony's Champion, put up the score of 139, which constituted a record, but which he has since beaten by four points, proving that Stonecutters is no more difficult than King's Park.

The following table shows how the individual members of the H.K.V.D.C. team contributed to its success:—

Name	Total points scored	No. of matches shot	Average
Mr. Grimes	1201	9	133.5
F. Goodwin	1013	8	126.6
Meade	1013	9	122.0
R. Goodwin	1058	9	117.6
Shaw	988	8	123.5
Thornhill	359	3	119.7
Dodwell	938	8	117.0
Wells	915	8	114.4
Lyon	458	4	114.5
Frith	453	4	113.3
Young	104	1	104.0
Alderson	94	1	93.0

Previous winners of the Shield were:—
1911—H.M.S. "Minotaur."
1912—R. N. Dockyard.
1913—H.M.S. "Hampshire."
1914—Dockyard R.C.
1915—Taikei R.C.
1916—No Competition.
1917—H.K. Volunteer Reserves.
1918—H.K. Volunteer Reserves.
1919—Dockyard R.C.
1920—H.K.V.D. Corps.

RUGBY.

"CAIRO" v. "CURLEW."

On the Club ground on Friday, Rugby enthusiasts were treated to a very fine exhibition of the "game" when teams representing the "Cairo" and the "Curlew" played a match in aid of Earl Haig's Warior's Fund. Owing to the uncertain weather, the attendance was not as large as the good cause deserved, but there was a good number of Servicemen present both in the stand and round the roped in field. During the game a collection was taken by sailors in quaint made-ups, and a satisfactory sum was netted for the Fund.

The game was very evenly contested throughout, and after a very strenuous struggle, resulted in a draw of three points each. "Curlew" attacked at the open of the game and gave the "Cairo" defence a hard time, but the back was playing a safe game and let nothing pass him. It was not until half way through the first half of the game that the "Curlew" forwards got an opening. Boswell, who got possession of the oval close in, did not waste much time in pushing his way through, and touched down near the post. The try was well taken but the oval missed the uprights by a narrow margin. With the "Curlew" leading, the "Cairo" forwards went all out to equalize, and although for a while they were successfully kept out, when near the end of the first half they were rewarded for their pains. Their try was also unconverted, and when the teams changed ends the score sheet read three points all.

The second half saw good play on both sides, each team struggling hard for the lead but with little success. The "Curlew" had the better of the exchanges during the closing stages of the game but their tendency to hang on to the oval too long spoiled whatever chances they had of winning the game. The final whistle found the score sheet unchanged.

Lieut.-Commandr. Carey of the "Titania" had charge of the game.

YACHTING.

R.H.K.Y.C. CUP COMPETITION.

On Saturday the race for the Commodore's and Vice-Commodore's Cups was sailed off over a course of mark in Yau Tong (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Markham on club line (P), and Channel Rocks (P). 92 miles.

The Handicap class sailed with the One Design, the winner taking the Commodore's Cup and the first boat of the other class the Vice-Commodore's cup.

The racing was followed by Mr. Frank Smyth, the popular and genial Commodore of the Club, who was the officer for the day. He had the satisfaction of seeing his son in "Daphne" capture the Vice-Commodore's cup in the first division.

"Dawn" on the line. "Sirius" by saving her time from "Dawn" secured the Vice-Commodore's cup. The results are interesting in that none of the class championship winners got placed. The wind which was moderate from E.S.E. at the start became fuky after half the course had been covered, and the second division crossed the line in the lightest of airs.

RESULTS.

HANDICAP AND ONE DESIGN COMBINED.
Prep. at 2.30 p.m. Start at 2.35 p.m.
HANDICAP CLASS.

Name	H'cap. on Course	Corrected Time	Position
Diana	Scr.	5.03.24	6
Rolla	1' 32"	4.53.13	1
Orion	5' 22"	4.58.41	5
Dorothea	6' 54"	4.57.29	4
Gladys	8' 26"	4.56.17	3
Sonia	8' 26"	5.05.11	7

ONE DESIGN CLASS.
Ailsa—18' 24"—D.N.F.
Bonito—18' 24"—D.N.F.
Daphne—18' 24"—4.54.36
Halcyon—18' 24"—5.29.36

SEWARD-BEYS AND GAELE COMBINED.
Prep. at 2.35 p.m. Start at 2.40 p.m.

Name	H'cap. on Course	Corrected Time	Position
Ursula	Scr.	D.N.F.	1
Sirius	7' 40"	5.44.03	4
Dawn	6' 54"	5.44.38	5
Lola	9' 12"	D.N.S.	—
Owl	18' 24"	D.N.S.	—

Name	H'cap. on Course	Corrected Time	Position
Gael	7' 40"	5.36.46	1
Toinette	6' 54"	5.40.00	2
Joan	7' 40"	D.N.F.	—
Thecla	9' 12"	D.N.S.	—
Viking	9' 12"	5.42.35	3

—Receives.
† Wins Commodore's Cup.
* Wins Vice-Commodore's Cup.

GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP SEMI-FINAL.

The semi-final for the Captain's Cup, presented by Mr. J. Parkes of the Kowloon Green Club, Golf Section was played off on the King's Park Course, yesterday morning, between Mr. W. Russell and Mr. M. McIver, and Mr. R. Lapsley and Mr. W. McKay. Mr. McIver and Mr. McKay were the winners and will compete in the final.

Referees and markers, Mr. D. Gow and Mr. J. E. Barr.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

"TITANIA" WINS SHIELD.

R.G.A. DEFEATED 4-2.

In spite of the overcast weather on Saturday, a large gathering witnessed the final match in the Hongkong Shield Competition between the "Titania" and the R.G.A.

Long before the time the match was scheduled to start, the Club stand was crowded, and late comers had to stand around the roped-in playing pitch. The crowd was so big that the ropes were lined several deep at every part of the field.

Walker won the toss, and the Artillerymen elected to defend the goal in the Civil Service end of the field. Powell kicked off for the sailors, but the gunners immediately got possession, and were soon making tracks for enemy goal. They were close in when Wilson was pulled up for offside. A good clear saw the sailors' left wing running down the field, but Kerridge kicked the ball into touch. Hendry trapped the ball from the throw in and working his way close in, had the misfortune to shoot wide. McGann returned the ball to the danger zone immediately from the goal kick. Frampton misjudged the pass and Hendry ran in. Donovan fell back on the goal and was able only partially to clear the ball which fell at the foot of Garside who took a first time shot and sent the ball flying into the net.

With the "Titania" leading five minutes from the start, the Artillery resumed with determination and immediately from the centre made tracks for the sailors' goal, but Kerridge was safe and kicked into touch. In the melee which followed, Dawson was fouled by Robertson, and the R.G.A. were given a free kick. This was well taken, but Kerridge was again in position and cleared. Garside took the ball to the other end only to be robbed by Frampton who kicked out. Hendwood passed to McHugh from the throw in, but the latter centered weakly, Maplesden clearing without difficulty. When the "Titania" pressed, Holloway just managed to save by turning a shot from Garside round the post. Garside, placed the ball well from the corner flag and Hendwood had the misfortune to handle in the penalty area.

Hendry put the ball past Holloway and the sailors led by two goals. Soon afterwards, McGann sent in a long pass. Cooper got possession and sent in a shot which Holloway just managed to stop. Hendry, who had kept well up, was able to touch the ball into the net leaving Holloway without a

chance. From the centre kick, the R.G.A. had the better of the game and their efforts were rewarded by Kerridge sending in a stinging shot which Yeoman only just touched. Play then became of a general nature and at half time the sailors led by three goals to one.

On the resumption the sailors took up the attack being stopped by Frampton. A free kick awarded for a foul throw-in set the R.G.A. going the movement ending with a shot from Watson, which was cleared by Maplesden. The R.G.A. kept up the pressure but off-side being given against Wilson brought to an end a promising attack. Play was transferred to the other end but without result. Frampton again setting his forwards going with a high kick. Wilson received the ball but shot wide. A series of attacks on the part of the R.G.A. resulted in a corner being forced, which proved abortive. Play then became of an even nature until the "Titania" obtained a free-kick, which was entrusted to Cooper who sent the ball over the bar. The R.G.A. again forced a corner but it brought no result. Shortly afterwards Hendwood sent in a hot shot and following up, tried to put the sailors' goal in the net. This action brought a free kick which relieved the pressure. "Titania" then broke away, the movement ending with another goal, giving the sailors a lead of four goals to one. During the last few minutes the R.G.A. attacked hotly and Yeoman added another point with a fast shot. The game ended with the "Titania" winning by four goals to two.

Mr. Jones was the referee and Messrs. McCubbin and J. Clark the linesmen.

At the end of the game Mr. Whitton, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Club, presented the Shield and medals to the "Titania" and the runners-up cup to the R.G.A. Mr. Whitton congratulated both teams on the game they had put up that afternoon, and hoped that the R.G.A. would go one better next year and take the shield. McGann received the shield for the "Titania," and Walker the cup for the R.G.A.

The Shield which was presented by the community of Hongkong for annual competition among the Football Clubs in the Colony has been won as follows:—By H.M.S. "Centurion," 1897, and the King's Own Rifles, 1898; Hongkong Football Club, 1899; Welsh Fusiliers, 1900; R.A., 1901; Welsh Fusiliers, 1902; H.M.S. "Glory," 1903; H.M.S. "Athena," 1904; West Kents, 1905; H.M.S. "Diadem," 1906; R.A., 1907; Hongkong Football Club, 1908; H.M.S. "Bedford," 1909; The Buffs, 1910; Naval Dockyard, 1911; K.O.Y.L.L., 1912; R.E., 1913; R.G.A., 1914; R.E., 1915; Hongkong Football Club, 1916 and 1919; and the Police, 1920.

SECOND DIVISION LEAGUE.

KOWLOON RES. v. H.K.F.C.

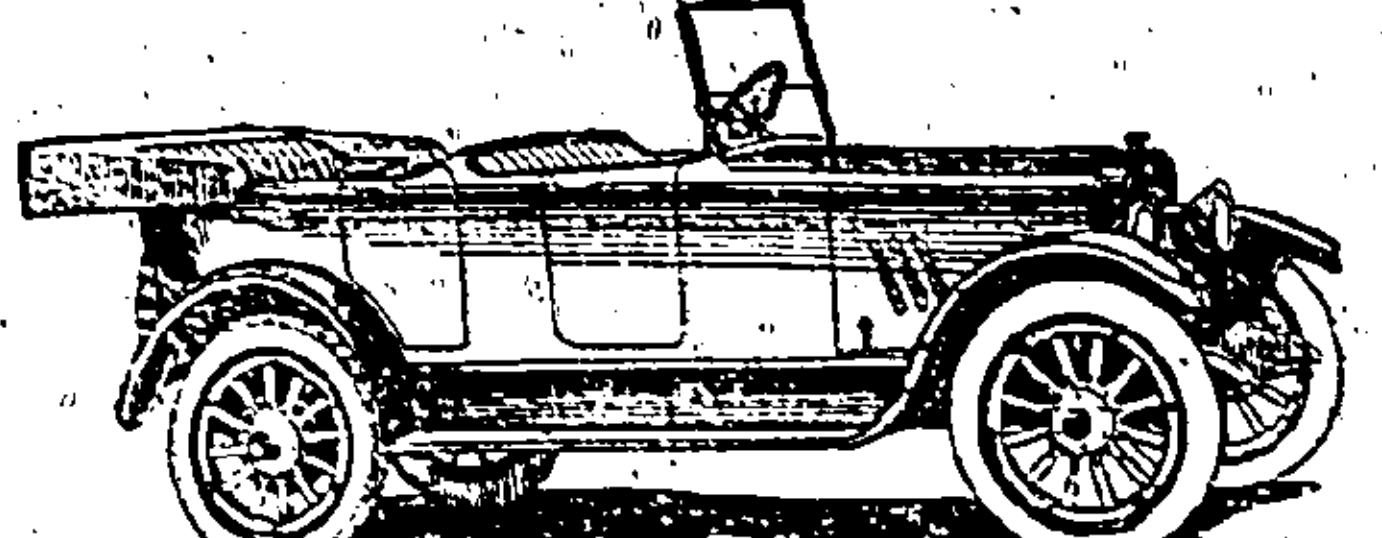
In the Second Division League, playing on the Club ground before the Challenge Shield match, Kowloon Res. beat H.K.F.C. Res. by two goals to one. The Club Res. fielded one man short, and Kowloon had the better of the exchanges throughout. First blood was drawn by the Club, Lyon sending out to East, the latter returning, and Baiton beating Makett with a fast shot at close range. Kowloon equalized the attack and gained the equalizer when Donovan beat Groot with a high shot. In the course of further interesting play, Groot made several nice saves only to miss a screw shot from Mason. At half time Kowloon had two to the Club's one, and notwithstanding spirited attempts by the Club to equalize in the second half, the final whistle came with this score unaltered. Mr. E. Leaf was in charge of an interesting game.

TO-DAY'S EXHIBITION MATCH.

In the exhibition match, on the Club ground, to-day, at 4.30 p.m., between the Wilks, the champions of the First League, and a team chosen from the Rest of the Clubs in the League, the teams will be as follows:—Wilks:—Smith; Giles (Capt.) and Trivet; Brown, Lancaster and Jeffries; Warren, Evans, Monham, Swanborough and Amor.

The Rest will play in white. Referee: Mr. Andrew ("Titania"). Linesmen: Mr. Masters and Mr. Jones. At the conclusion of the game, Mr. R. H. B. Haascock, former President of the League, will present the "Daily Press" Cup to the winners.

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V.R.C. ANNUAL REGATTA.

OPENING DAY'S EVENTS.

Notwithstanding the threatening appearance of the sky on Saturday afternoon when the V.R.C. Regatta was started at Black Boulder Point, Kowloon Bay, the rain held off until the last race was finished. It then made up for lost time but most of the spectators were safely under cover on the launch which brought them back to Hongkong. The comfortable accommodation provided afforded shelter for the very fair gathering of spectators who spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. Consequently, with the weather more promising to-day a much larger attendance was anticipated. About 2.30 p.m. on Saturday H.E. the Governor arrived with the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Chairman of the Club, on board the latter's launch.

Great interest was centered in the International Challenge Cup, the Chief event of the afternoon, for which three crews entered representing Scandinavians, English, and Irish. The race started fairly evenly, the English leading slightly, the Irish dropped behind after the first half mile. The English shot ahead but were slowly overhauled by the Scandinavians who won by two lengths in 9 min. 55 sec., 45 sec. less than the English. The crews were as follows:—

Irish—A. E. Simmons, 10st. 0lb.; A. A. Carroll, bow, 10st. 10lb.; J. S. McCann, 14st. 6lb.; B. J. de H. Moore, stroke, 11st. 11lb.; and F. P. Lenfesty, cox, 9st. 5lb. Scandinavians: A. Wenske, bow, 11st. 11lb.; J. Berentson, 12st. 7lb.; S. Berg, 12st. 8lb.; H. Dreyer, stroke, 12st. 4lb.; and S. F. Sorensen, cox. English: Lieut. Stevens, bow; Lieut. Claridge, 6; Lieut. Milborne; Lieut. Merriman, stroke; and Lieut. D'Athe, cox.

The two naval races for whalers and cutters aroused considerable interest also. Both events were won by the "Alacrity" which fully justified its name.

The full results are as follows:—

International Challenge Cup for four: 1. Scandinavians, 9m. 55s.; 2. English, 10m. 11s.; 3. Irish, 11m. 11s. Tub Sculling (Juniors): 1. M. L. Ralton, 5m. 28s.; 2. G. A. Jack, 6m. 33s. There also took part J. Berentson, J. Huxley, and A. Ducommun.

Naval Whalers (Distance 1 mile): 1. H.M.S. "Alacrity", 12m. 33s.; 2. H.M.S. "Ambrose", 3; 3. H.M.S. "Colombo", 4. H.M.S. "Carlsle", 5. "Colombo", 6. "Carlsle", 7. "Foxglove", 8. "Magnolia", 9. "Titania" were also represented.

Ho Tung Challenge Cup (Distance one mile for four): 1. H.M.S. "Titania" and "Foxglove", 9m. 26s.; 2. A. P. Company, 9m. 54s.; 3. H.M.S. "Alacrity", also took part. The winning crews were composed as follows:—"Titania" and "Foxglove": Lieut. Stevens, bow; Lieut. Claridge; Lieut. Melbourne; Lieut. Merriman, stroke; and Lieut. D'Athe, co. A. P. Coy: A. E. Simmons, bow; C. H. Blake; G. May; B. J. de H. Moore, stroke.

Inter-Club Tub Sculling (Distance 1 mile): 1. J. S. McCann (R.H.K.Y.S.), 4m. 43s.; 2. J. R. Soares (V.R.C.), 4m. 61s. Other entries were E. H. O. Farrell (V.R.C.), and H. Jepson (V.R.C.).

Naval Cutters (Distance 2 miles): 1. H.M.S. "Alacrity", 19m. 23s.; 2. H.M.S. "Ambrose", 19m. 20s.; 3. H.M.S. "Carlsle", 19m. 20s. Other boats which entered were representative of H.M.S. "Colombo", "Carlsle", "Curlew" and "Titania".

Chairman's Challenge Cup (Distance one mile, V.R.C. members): 1. Shamrock, 3m. 32s.; 2. Leek, 3. Rose. The Thistle also took part. The names of the winning crews are as follows:—Shamrock: C. Earnshaw, bow; J. Berentson; G. Tiran; H. Dreyer, stroke; S. F. Sorensen, cox. Leek: O. Stutz; J. Huxley; A. Wenske; A. H. Carroll, stroke; F. R. Lenfesty, cox. Rose: C. H. Blake, bow; M. L. Ralton; S. Berg; R. C. Wittchell, stroke.

Yacht Races—Cruiser Class: 1. Bastavaer; 2. Azuma. Handicap Class: 1. Halcyon; 2. Alisa; 3. Diana. Hayward Hayes and Gael Class: 1. Ursula; 2. Viking; 3. Gael. The following is a list of the officials: Chairman: Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.

Patrons: His Excellency Sir Reginald E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., Commander W. Bowden Smith, R.N., Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Col. Humphry, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. Robert Shewan, Mr. A. J.

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WORKING MEN.

GOLF CLUBS.

PAINTER BEATS THE SQUIRE.

A number of artisans' golf clubs are being formed on the smaller golf links, especially the Commons of Hertfordshire, and they are giving an astonishing fillip to the game.

What is most remarkable is the skill of the new members. The carpenter's assistant hands in a card 5 below bogey. The squire, picking up a match one afternoon with a painter, temporarily out of work, is defeated by 7 up and 6 to play, though his opponent's one club was an old iron. When at Easter the two halves of the club meet in a match the result is a foregone conclusion for the artisans.

The new members are elected at a nominal subscription—5s. or 10s. a year—and have full rights on the course but not the right of using the club house. Their services are invaluable in protecting the greens and fairways from ill or improper uses.

Most of such clubs are called "artisans' clubs, a most convenient word, but it includes almost any local resident who chooses to join on such terms.

WHY.

IS AN OLD JOKE CALLED A "CHESTNUT?"

Many explanations have been offered for this peculiar slang term which slipped, unannounced, into the language about 1885—explanations ranging all the way from a corruption of "jest not" to a statement that it was a reference to last year's chestnuts which look fair and inviting on the outside but are really wormy and utterly valueless. According to Joseph Jefferson, however, the term originated at a dinner given to William Warren, the famous comedian.

"There is a melodrama," stated Jefferson, during the height of the controversy over the ancestry of the word, "but little known to the present generation, called 'The Broken Sword.' One of the characters, Captain Xavier, is a sort of Baron Munchausen, and in telling of his exploits, says 'I entered the woods of Collo-way when suddenly, from the thick bough of a cork-tree' Pablo, his servant, interrupts him with: 'A chestnut, Captain, a chestnut.' 'Bah!' replied the Captain, 'I say a cork-tree.' 'A chestnut,' reiterates Pablo, 'I should know as well as you, having heard you tell the tale these twenty-seven times.'"

Warren, who had often played the part of Pablo, was at the dinner in question when one of the gentlemen present told a story of doubtful age and originality. "A chestnut," murmured Warren, "I have heard that tale these twenty-seven times." The application of the lines pleased the rest of the table, and when the party broke up each one helped to spread the story—and that, it is believed, was the real origin of the word "chestnut," as applied to an old joke.

PROHIBITION MANIA.

TOBACCO NOW.

TYRANT'S NEXT DEMAND?

King James I. has made himself disciples at last. Three hundred years after his Majesty gave forth his Royal "Counterblast to Tobacco" the unfortunate citizens of the United States have to deal with a society formed to make his opinions compulsory. For their Anti-Cigarette League turns out to be a far more drastic affair than its name professes. This, indeed, will surprise no one who is familiar with the spirit and methods of the prohibitionist. To enlist the support of large numbers for a policy dictated by extremists it is always necessary to begin cautiously. The Anti-Cigarette League appears to consider that there is no more need to stand on ceremony. Not the cigarette but tobacco is acknowledged to be the enemy. The campaign, so far as we can judge, seems to be going well for prohibition. Congress has, indeed, declined to forbid smoking in Government offices, but the defence seems to have been hard pressed, for we read of pathetic appeals by Senators to allow at least the guests of the President the solace of tobacco. But if Washington still may smoke, there are already "many States from which the cigarette is banned entirely." In Utah, traditionally a leader of reform, the Anti-Cigarette League has "secured a law prohibiting smoking in any public place." The city of New York has made it an offence, punishable by heavy fines, to smoke in railway stations or railway trains. In fine, there seems much reason to believe that the United States, already dry, will soon become cold, or whatever the proper adjective for abstinence from tobacco may be.

The only shadow cast on this bright project is the suggestion that a subtle policy is being followed by the opponents of the law. The Governor and Congress of New York State are reported to intend a rigorous enforcement of the prohibition of alcohol and tobacco in order to disgust the community and "arouse a public clamour for less rigid laws." It is not for us to say whether such a policy has any chance of success. We have no commission to criticise the taste of Americans. If they find that their equal right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness involves compelling one another to abstain from alcohol, or tobacco, or tea, or coffee, it is plainly no affair of ours. But what is of interest is the illuminating evidence which this anti-tobacco campaign affords of the psychology of prohibitionism. The prohibitionist in America was yesterday attacking alcohol; to-day tobacco is the enemy, and if alcohol and tobacco are both banned, with all the old vehemence, with all the old conviction of his own righteousness, the prohibitionist will be striving to forbid his victims some other commodity. For what inspires him is not reason but passion, not a desire for the common good, but a desire to be a tyrant. The driving force of prohibitionism is the ambition to control the lives of others. The principle upon which that control is exercised is that pleasure is bad. The prime offence of alcohol yesterday, of tobacco to-day, of tea or sugar or whatever it may be to-morrow, is not that the stuff does us harm, but that we like it.—Daily Telegraph.

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A SUDDEN RISE.

SLUMP FOLLOWS.

The once popular rouble, which has been circulating at extreme low visibility for some time, took a leap skyward on the receipt here of the despatches regarding the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement, says the *China Press* of March 20.

On Friday morning when the exchange shops opened roubles could be accumulated at the rate of \$3.50 per 1,000. By ten o'clock, when there began to be strong demand for the Kerensky notes, which are the popular brand here, the word had gone round among the Chinese exchange brokers and the price had lifted to \$4.50. The buying became more agitated and the rate hopped another dollar and then another, and so on, until by evening roubles were retelling at a cent apiece—or \$10 a thousand.

Evidently by yesterday morning the news had reached most of the populace and sales of roubles which were purchased when such was the "popular" thing to do, several years ago, were legged out of trunks and attics preparatory to an assault on the market. Under the avalanche the price sagged back to \$6, which was the figure at most of the exchange shops yesterday afternoon.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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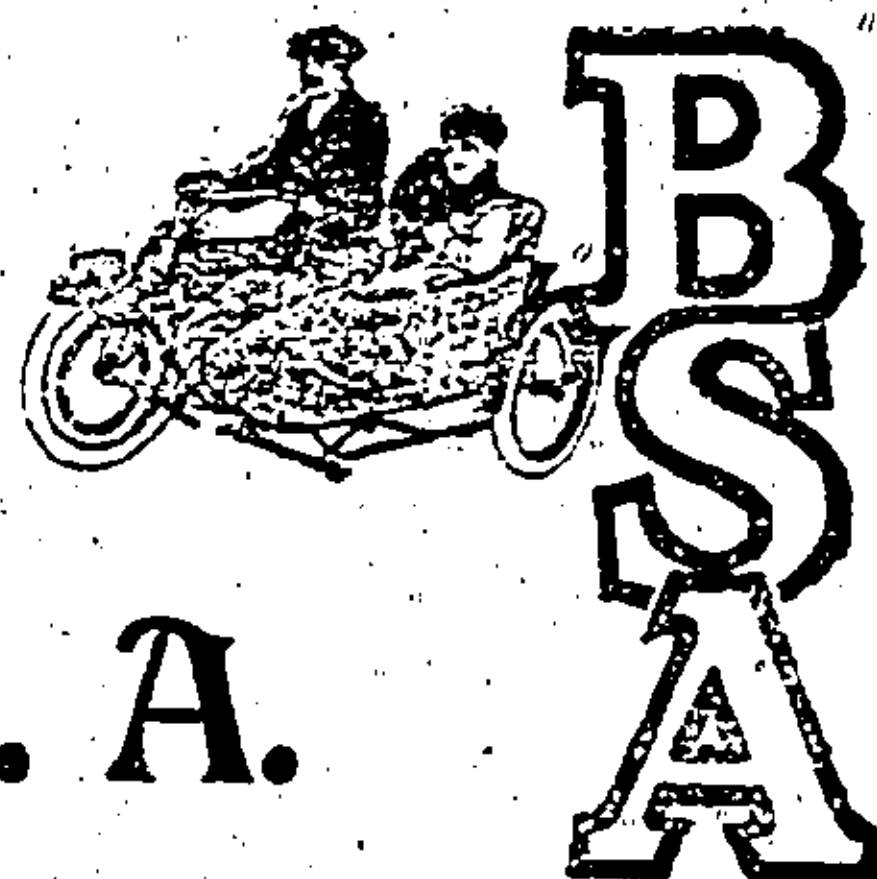
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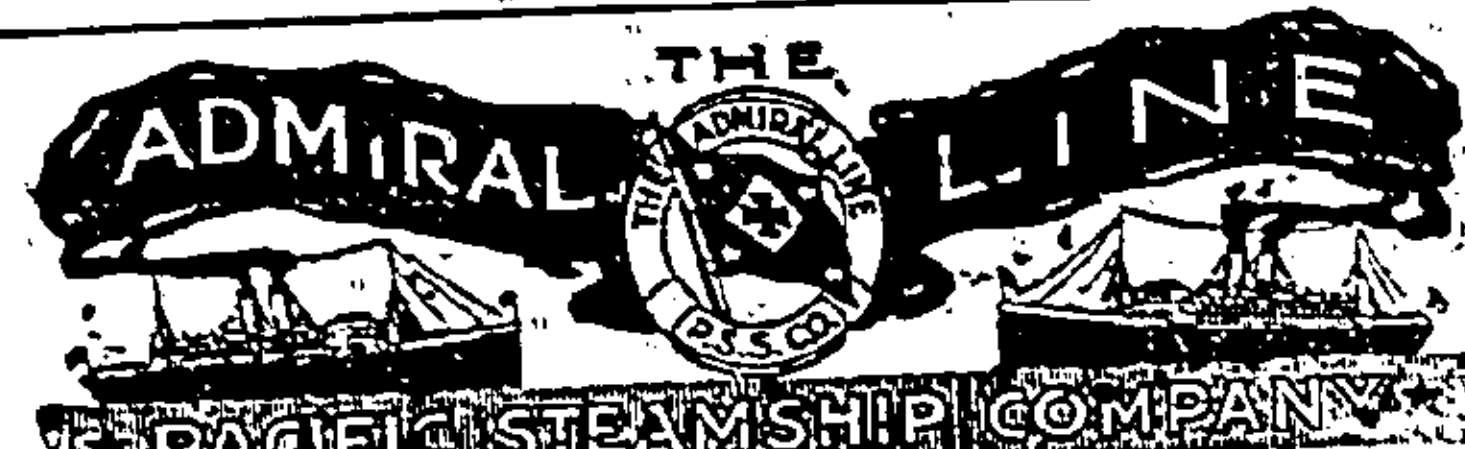
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June 20—R. F. Telemachus.
July 4—R. F. Anchises.
8—R. F. Mentor.
21—R. F. Tiro.

FROM JAPAN.

Mar. 30—R. F. K. of the Garter.
Apr. 1—C. P. O. S. Empress of Russia.
3—R. F. Grecoxy Apoc.
4—R. F. Nankin.
5—R. F. Nankin.
7—R. F. Nankin.
12—R. F. Nankin.
14—R. F. Nankin.
15—R. F. Nankin.
18—R. F. Nankin.
20—R. F. Nankin.
23—R. F. Nankin.
25—R. F. Nankin.
May 2—R. F. Nankin.
12—R. F. Nankin.
July 22—R. F. Nankin.

FROM MANILA.

Apr. 1—R. F. Tyndareus.
29—R. F. Tyndareus.
May 31—R. F. Tyndareus.
June 11—R. F. Tyndareus.
30—R. F. Tyndareus.
July 22—R. F. Tyndareus.

FROM SAIGON.

Mar. 23—C. P. O. S. Mattawa.
Apr. 5—A. L. Cadretta.

FROM BOMBAY.

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20—P. & O. Dunera.

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Apr. 1—C. P. O. S. Empress of Russia.

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June 24—P. & O. Nyassa.
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July 18—P. & O. Kashmir.

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17—R. F. Antiochus.
18—R. F. Antiochus.
24—N. Y. K. Awa Maru.
May 4—R. F. Hector.
8—R. F. Macdon.
19—R. F. Bellerophon.
23—R. F. Anchises.
30—R. F. Decalogue.

The C.P.O.S. s.s. "Methren" from

Hongkong on March 20 arrived at Saigon

on March 24.

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of

Japan" arrived at Shanghai on March

24 (midnight) left there on March 25

(7:30 p.m.) and is due at Nagasaki on

March 27 (8 a.m.).

The C.P.O.S. s.s. "Mithra" left

Saigon for Hongkong on March 25 and

is due here on or about March 29 (p.m.).

The C.P.O.S. R.M.S. "Empress of

Russia" arrived at aasaki on March

25 (8:30 a.m.) left there on March 26 (6

p.m.) and is due at Shanghai on March

28 (1 p.m.). The vessel leaves Shanghai

on March 27 (11 a.m.) and is due at

Manila on March 30 (a.m.).

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BOY'S AFFECTIONS.

MOTHER TELL HE IS 9.

AFTERWARDS FATHER AND SENIOR BOYS.

The mind of the schoolboy has begun to exercise reformers to such an extent that at some public schools regular lessons in psychology are now being given; and at most schools, Eton included, lecturers have been eagerly received.

Branches are being formed all over the country by a guild of health, which teaches the effect of mind on health and takes as one of its chief planks the idea that there is plenty of room inside the Church of England for what is called Christian Science. This movement is as remarkable in its way as the Life and Liberty movement, and violent differences of opinion about it are arising among the clergy.

One of the chief specialists in the schoolboy's mind has mapped out the development of the normal boy thus: Up to 9 years old his heroine and the chief object of his affection is his mother.

He then transfers his admiration to his father.

At 12 or 13 his father gives place to the elder boys of the school, who are regarded for a while as demigods.

At 18, if not before, the admiration is again transferred to persons, especially female, of his own age. The inference is that, if at any stage the natural instinct is balked and gets no free play, or is wrongly transferred, both the nature and the bodily health suffer.

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CHINESE PHILANTHROPIST'S SCHEME.

A correspondent writes to the N.C.D. News:-

In the prefecture of Canton, in the city of Huashien was born Hung Hsiuchuan who afterwards became the famous king of the Tai Ping, or long-haired rebels. Another candidate for fame has proceeded from this city, Mr. Hsu Mao-chun. Ten years before the Revolution he used to carry scissors hidden in his clothes, and cut off all the queues he could lay hands on. He was soon known everywhere as an ardent reformer of hair and clothes. History does not say how he escaped the wrath of the Manchus. Perhaps the shade of the great Tai Ping Chief still hovers over the city, and so has influenced Mr. Hsu to revive the cutting of the queues which were the mark of the Manchus. Be that as it may, Mr. Hsu, who is a Christian idealist, has seen the sufferings of the poor in China and the sad lot of the labouring classes, and has longed for some solution. Doubtless he has also read in the Acts of the Apostles of the early communistic group in Jerusalem. He has become deeply enamoured of Socialism as a possible solution, and has decided to carry his theories into practice by using his ancestral land as a testing station. The regulations of the new village are as follows:-

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2.—The objects are to unite the rich and poor in establishing this village. All private property and ancestral land, houses and goods, shall become public property which will be used to improve agricultural methods, to raise cattle and manufacture goods, so that clothing, food and housing may be ample for all. By using this plan, there will be no loafers nor unused land. Babies will be nursed, the youths instructed, the able-bodied will toil, the aged will be cared for, the sick healed, the dead buried, and so civilization established and the spirit of Peace and Joy will be such as to reproduce the Will of Heaven realized upon Earth.

3.—Ten men will be elected as a Council with the Headman as Chairman to which all important business will be entrusted with power to act.

4.—Persons of both sexes wishing marriage must be over 20 years of age. They must both be willing, and procure the consent of their parents. Only monogamy will be allowed, and it is a life contract. In case of death both sexes may remarry.

5.—Education will be provided for all ages and sexes. Especially clever pupils will even be sent to the University, but all others must toil until the age of 49 (Mencius) after which they will rest and be publicly supported. The working-day will be eight hours, with rest on Sundays, when meetings will be held in the Public Hall to expound knowledge, virtue and hygiene.

6.—Farm labourers will form groups of 10 with a captain, and cultivate 30 acres. Another group will tend cattle, another work in factories receiving 30 cents a day, of which 10 will be pocket money for men and women alike.

7.—One man will be chosen to look after the rice, etc., and the cooking. Groups of ten sit at one table and eat three meals a day.

8.—As to clothing, 10 men will manage the weaving, making and mending of clothes, and two of everything will be given to each person. Bedding and mosquito nets will be provided free. All cotton will be grown on the farms, and all spinning and weaving will be done by the village without work from outside.

9.—Ten persons will occupy one house. These at first will be Chinese old style, but it is planned to erect new style dwellings as soon as the prosperity of the Colony permits.

10.—Where others failed. Herein is a sample of the radical thought of the young Chinese willing to express itself in actual experiment, and this notwithstanding the absolute failure of such socialistic communities in the Western World. Fournier failed to get anyone to try out his theory,

NEW SHAW PLAY.

"BACK TO METHUSELAH."

AN EXTRAORDINARY WORK.

An extraordinary new work by Mr. George Bernard Shaw is to come from Messrs. Constable in the near future, one which, according to the preliminary announcement, will interest biologists, religious leaders, lovers of the marvellous in fiction, and lovers of theatre—a queer assembly. "Back to Methuselah" is a play in five acts each of which is a play in itself, and its theme is the extension of human life. A long preface, in Mr. Shaw's usual style, argues the scientific possibility of his theme, and then we come to the play itself, beginning with "In the Beginning"—period, the Garden of Eden. The second act, "The Gospel of the Brothers Barnabas," is laid in the present day, and then in "The Thing Happens," we get the discovery, in 2220, of certain people still living from our own time.

A jump of a thousand years brings us to "The Tragedy of an Elderly Gentleman," by which time Great Britain is inhabited solely by tricenarians, venerated by the rest of the still short-lived world. Finally comes "As Far as Thought Can Reach," which takes place in 31,920 A.D., of which it appears impossible to give any idea. The pentology is described as Mr. Shaw's scientific, religious, and political testament, as well as his supreme exploit in dramatic literature. Certainly it seems as if it will be wonderful value for ten shillings.

A very great shipmaster is at present in Shanghai, namely Captain Kerr, R.N.R., of the "Bessie Dollar." Captain Kerr was in command of the ship "Clyde" when she was beached at Gallipoli—the leading event in the landing made by Sir Ian Hamilton. The epic story surrounding the "Clyde" is too well-known to call for recapitulation to-day, but it will be of interest to residents, especially to those who have gone through the Great War, to learn that such a comrade is in their midst.

Japan marches steadily towards a condition which some would describe as Socialism and others as the Servile State. There is the projected petroleum monopoly. A full-dress rice monopoly has some strong advocates. A tea monopoly is thought about, the invitation to the rural banks to join in a big semi-official combine is a big step towards the consummation, and now we have the Finance Minister talking of the nationalisation of hydro-electric undertakings, and of a great shipping combine. It is an interesting experiment, but it is difficult to view it with the same confident light-heartedness as the Ministers who undertake it so readily, observes the *Japan Chronicle*.

but a warm welcome was found for such experiment in the United States, where it is on record that 41 communities were formed, and not one of these survived more than a few years. Mr. Hsu's scheme is largely modelled on Fournier's reorganization of the social structure, but he rejects Fournier's abolition of marriage. He is too much of a Christian and too good a Chinese to do anything so repugnant to our moral sense. Probably Mr. Hsu's ideas follow the old clan idea where much was held in common. The Chinese will not blindly follow every new fad, but will adapt those in harmony with many of their own engrained customs and views. The tithing system is, of course, well known in China since the days of antiquity.

HUMAN PERVERSITY. The curious optimism of the originator of Socialism seems to be shared by Mr. Hsu. The fact of human perversity is too much for any Utopia that may be constructed, and an ideal state is impossible without ideal people. However, Mr. Hsu may take comfort from the fact that the West is too individualistic for a Socialist village to succeed, for China unit has always been the family. Mr. Hsu has, however, laid hands on that institution, and by abstracting the children, as Plato proposed to do, has left the parents to take comfort out of their own society; though it is not clear whether they too must join the crowd and live happily ever after.

It remains to be seen how long his village will last. At any rate, it shows that some Chinese are dissatisfied with the world on Darwinian principles, and wish to feel their way to co-operation and a united effort. "We rub our eyes and wait."

NEW WOMAN IN ASIA.

A MANCHU LADY.

JAPAN AND KOKKA.

F. A. McKenzie writes in a Home paper:-

Today we take it as a matter of course that the wife of the new Chinese Minister in London (Mr. Wellington Koo) should be mentioned as prominently as her husband. Twenty years ago this would have been impossible. We should hardly have known if the Minister had a wife or not, and it would have been the height of discourtesy to mention the lady.

The Japanese, the quickest to adopt Western ways, were the first to introduce their womenfolk here as their husbands' equals.

But even in Japan to-day woman is very much in the "background." Her husband goes first in the street; she waits on him. It is her duty to submit and to obey.

It came as a shock to me the first time I visited a wealthy semi-Westernised home in Japan to find that the wife who bowed to me on my arrival very soon disappeared and was seen no more till near the end. We men had our dinner alone. Just before we left, the smiling wife, charming and polite, came and bowed us farewell.

In China, when I was passing through a great northern city, the Taoist, or governor, invited me to his home to dinner. He was a Manchu, and the Manchu women have always been more free than the Chinese proper.

On reaching his home I found to my surprise that his wife, beautifully dressed like her husband in Manchu robes, was waiting with him to receive me. She was a clever and attractive woman and her husband had every reason to be proud of her.

She was eager to know about the West. She told me of her one baby, a boy of two, and as I was found sympathetic, the nurse was sent for and the baby brought down for me to admire.

Then the wife was carefully escorted to dinner. One of us, of course, sat between her and the door and the other between her and the window to keep the evil spirits from her. There she sat, queen of the hour and type of the new Chinese woman.

The young women in large parts of China now go about freely. Girls ride bicycles to school. The women study Western fashions and follow them. Western schools have taught them something of our life, and they like it.

Not many years ago I lived for a fortnight in the house of a great Korean. During the whole time I never once saw one of his women folk, although behind the walls of my room I could hear the movements in their quarters.

The official would have counted it a disgrace to have brought his wife and daughters to me and they would have considered it a disgrace to have brought me to them. I left that they had been nursing a case of small-pox on the other side of the wall.

A white teacher of my acquaintance was about this time telling a group of Korean women how free the women of the West were and how their husbands raised no objection to their going about freely. One young wife gazed at her with horrified eyes. "Tell me," she said, "don't your husbands care for you foreign ladies at all?"

To-day the daughters of these same Korean women are going about just as freely as our daughters are. In the recent independence movement the high-school girls took the lead in various country towns, organised uprisings, and shamed the men into following them.

BOSTOCK'S CIRCUS.

FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE TO-NIGHT.

In spite of the inclement weather, Bostock's Circus, in Kowloon, has been drawing crowded houses nightly, also at the matinee performances. The management announce that the performance to-night, at 9.15, will be in aid of the China Famine Relief Fund and under the distinguished patronage of H.E. the Governor. It is expected that the attendance will be larger than usual, and a number of new items have been included in the programme. The weather, be it never so bad should prove no serious disability as the circus marquee is waterproof.

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HONGKONG'S OPIUM.

"A SCANDALOUS CONTRACT."

A MATTER FOR THE LEAGUE.

There has been another opium debate in the House of Commons, and the recent scandalous five-year contract between the Hongkong and Indian Governments was duly ventilated, but the absence in Egypt of Mr. Winston Churchill, the Colonial Secretary, provided the Government with an excuse for doing nothing in the matter, says the *Japan Chronicle*. As an academic proposition Mr. Montagu agreed that it was little good stopping the export to China and instead selling the drug to Japanese who smuggle it in. The attitude of the British Government is that it regards the matter from a purely commercial standpoint. Where a country prohibits opium or its derivatives, the British Government is prepared to forbid exportation to that country, but it does not hold itself responsible for the doings of other nationals who may lawfully buy opium. When the ten years' agreement was made with China, it was anticipated that poppy cultivation in India would be practically extinct except for domestic consumption at the end of the decade. Instead of that, however, there is still an immense output, which finds buyers in various parts of the world. The Chinese prohibition of the importation of opium, which can be prevented, has only laid the country open to the smuggling of morphia, which it is far more difficult to stop, especially in the ports where the Japanese are in control. The arrangement made for restricting exports of morphia from Britain to Japan only created a new phase of throwing the business into American hands, and Japan year by year takes over the rôle of producer, so that the British sacrifice has been for nothing. Naturally they have minimised the sacrifice. Sir John Rees who poses as a sort of reactionary G. B. Shaw, declared that the Indian opium going into China was a small, negligible surplus over the opium grown in South China. This was the argument of Sir John Stroh, a great authority on the subject, who said that Indian opium was to Chinese opium in China what champagne is to beer in England. That was approximately true at the time—over twenty years ago—when the statement was made, and this is the measure to which Sir John Rees is behind the times. Naturally, in the disturbed state of China it has not been practicable to prevent some revival of poppy cultivation, but however much opium may be grown in China, this does not prevent the three-quarters of a million ounces of morphia which goes in through Japan from doing a great deal of additional harm. When the trade is stopped in one place it only finds another channel. For British or American manufacturers to stop making morphia only means that somebody else will take it up. It would increase the difficulties of the trade if Japan ceased to be a smuggling depot, but Japan might also say that if Japanese smuggling were stopped somebody else would take up the business. It seems to be a matter for the League of Nations.

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"While doing the inspection duty on the Northern line some years ago I contracted malaria. As a preliminary to each attack I had a feeling of listlessness and my appetite fell away. In a few days I would be aching all over; at the same time becoming very cold and shivering withague. This was followed by intense heat and severe pains throughout the body accompanied by violent headaches. Then I would break into a profuse perspiration which soaked the bed and so the attacks would gradually pass off, leaving me in an exceedingly weak condition."

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SUPERSTITIONS.

THEATRICAL BELIEFS.

The theatre is full of superstitions. The curious fact about them is that they are purely secular and modern, not inherited from ancient religions or survivals of ancient customs. The average actor or actress is "temperamental" and his superstitions are psychological rather than historical emanations. They are, for the most part, nothing more than an idea conceived by some prominent theatrical personage which, he fancies, is born out by his experience and which the lesser lights take up and fancy is born by theirs.

Nothing is so easy as to start a superstition, especially among temperamental people dealing with the intangible and the uncertain. Theatrical superstitions are all founded in a belief in luck pure and simple. Among them may be mentioned that it is ill luck to whistle in a theatre; or to have a person look over one's shoulder into a mirror. A yellow sash or a piece of scenery brings bad luck; it is bad luck to stumble over anything or to have one's clothes catch on a piece of scenery in making an entrance. If the first purchaser of a ticket for a new performance is an old person the play will have a long run; if a young person a short one, etc.

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